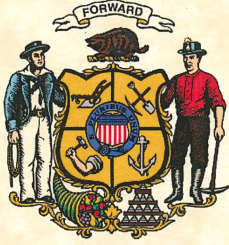


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) is a genetic disorder characterized primarily by fragile bones that break easily; and

WHEREAS; approximately 25,000 to 50,000 Americans are affected by OI, with different types of the disorder ranging in severity from mild to life threatening; and

WHEREAS; while OI is a disorder that a person is born with and has no cure, most folks who are affected by it are able to lead healthy, productive lives with proper treatment and supportive care; and

WHEREAS; treatment of OI focuses on minimizing fractures, surgically correcting deformities, reducing bone fragility, and maximizing mobility and independent function; and

WHEREAS; increased funding for education and research surrounding OI are needed to help find more effective treatments; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin joins the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, board members, staff, medical professionals, volunteers, and activists in spreading awareness of the disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 2 – 9, 2020, as

NATIONAL OSTEOGENESIS IMPERFECTA AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16th day of April 2020.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State